## CLAIMS

- 1. A moving picture encoding method
- 2 characterized by comprising at least the steps of:
- 3 obtaining a temporally hierarchized signal by
- 4 temporally hierarchically dividing a moving picture
- 5 signal;
- 6 obtaining a temporally hierarchized spatial
- 7 high-frequency signal by performing a high frequency
- 8 generation process on the temporally hierarchized signal
- 9 in spatial hierarchical division;
- 10 obtaining a reduced image signal by performing
- 11 a low frequency generation process on the moving picture
- 12 signal in spatial hierarchical division; and
- obtaining a reduced temporally hierarchized
- 14 signal by temporally hierarchizing the reduced image
- 15 signal.
- 2. A moving picture encoding
- 2 method according to claim 1, characterized in that the
- 3 temporally hierarchized spatial high-frequency signal
- 4 and reduced temporally hierarchized signal are encoded.
  - 3. A moving picture encoding method
- 2 characterized by comprising at least the steps of:
- 3 obtaining a prediction error signal by
- 4 performing interframe prediction on a moving picture
- 5 signal;
- 6 obtaining a prediction error spatial
- 7 high-frequency signal by performing a high frequency

picture signal in spatial hierarchical division; and 12 obtaining a reduced interframe prediction 13 14 error signal as a prediction error signal by performing interframe prediction on the reduced image signal. 15 4. A moving picture encoding method according to claim 3, characterized in that the 2 prediction error spatial high-frequency signal and 3 reduced interframe prediction error signal are encoded. 4 A moving picture encoding method of performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process 2 3 which performs motion compensation prediction on a moving picture signal and also subband divides the 4 moving picture signal in a spatial direction, 5 6 characterized in that the three-dimensional subband 7 dividing process comprises at least: 8 the motion detection step of obtaining motion

generation process on the prediction error signal in

a low-frequency signal generation process on the moving

obtaining a reduced image signal by performing

spatial hierarchical division;

- 11 the motion compensation prediction step of
- 12 obtaining a prediction error signal by performing motion

information by detecting an interframe motion of the

- 13 compensation prediction on the moving picture signal in
- 14 accordance with the motion information;

moving picture signal;

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15 the prediction error signal spatial division

- 16 step of generating a spatial low-frequency prediction
- 17 error subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 18 prediction error subband signal by spatially subband
- 19 dividing the prediction error signal; and
- 20 the band signal spatial division step of
- 21 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 22 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 23 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal.
  - 6. A moving picture encoding method according
  - 2 to claim 5, characterized in that the motion
  - 3 compensation prediction step, prediction error signal
  - 4 spatial division step, and band signal spatial division
  - 5 step are performed on the moving picture signal, and the
  - 6 motion compensation prediction step, prediction error
  - 7 signal spatial division step, and band signal spatial
  - 8 division step are recurrently repeated by replacing the
  - 9 spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained
- 10 after the band signal spatial division step with the
- 11 moving picture signal.
  - 7. A moving picture encoding method of
  - 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 3 which performs motion compensation prediction on a
- 4 moving picture signal and also subband divides the
- 5 moving picture signal in a spatial direction,
- 6 characterized in that the three-dimensional subband
- 7 dividing process comprises at least:
- 8 the motion detection step of obtaining motion

- 9 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
- 10 moving picture signal;
- 11 the motion compensation prediction step of
- 12 obtaining a prediction error signal by performing motion
- 13 compensation prediction, in accordance with the motion
- 14 information, on a spatial low-frequency subband signal
- 15 which is obtained by spatially subband dividing the
- 16 moving picture signal;
- 17 the prediction error signal spatial division
- 18 step of generating a spatial low-frequency prediction
- 19 error subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 20 prediction error subband signal by spatially subband
- 21 dividing the prediction error signal; and
- 22 the band signal spatial division step of
- 23 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 24 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 25 spatially subband dividing the spatial low-frequency
- 26 subband signal.
  - 8. A moving picture encoding method according
  - 2 to claim 7, characterized in that the motion
  - 3 compensation prediction step, prediction error signal
  - 4 spatial division step, and band signal spatial division
  - 5 step are performed on the moving picture signal, and the
  - 6 motion compensation prediction step, prediction error
  - 7 signal spatial division step, and band signal spatial
  - 8 division step are recurrently repeated by replacing the
  - 9 spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained

- 10 after the band signal spatial division step with the
- 11 spatial low-frequency subband signal.
  - 9. A moving picture encoding method of
  - 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 3 which subband divides a moving picture signal in both a
  - 4 temporal direction and spatial direction, characterized
  - 5 in that the three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 6 comprises at least:
  - 7 the motion detection step of obtaining motion
  - 8 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
  - 9 moving picture signal;
- 10 the temporal subband division step of
- 11 obtaining a temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 12 temporal high-frequency subband signal by motion
- 13 compensating the moving picture signal in accordance
- 14 with the motion information, and temporally subband
- 15 dividing the motion compensated moving picture signal;
- the temporal high-frequency subband spatial
- 17 division step of generating a temporal
- 18 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 19 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 20 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 21 high-frequency subband signal;
- 22 the temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 23 division step of generating a temporal
- 24 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 25 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband

- 26 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 27 low-frequency subband signal; and
- 28 the band signal spatial division step of
- 29 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 30 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 31 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal.
  - 10. A moving picture encoding method
  - 2 according to claim 9, characterized in that the temporal
- 3 subband division step, temporal high-frequency subband
- 4 spatial division step, temporal low-frequency subband
- 5 spatial division step, and band signal spatial division
- 6 step are performed on the moving picture signal, and the
- 7 temporal subband division step, temporal high-frequency
- 8 subband spatial division step, temporal low-frequency
- 9 subband spatial division step, and band signal spatial
- 10 division step are recurrently repeated by replacing the
- 11 spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained
- 12 after the band signal spatial division step with the
- 13 moving picture signal.
  - 11. A moving picture encoding method of
- 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
- 3 which subband divides a moving picture signal in both a
- 4 temporal direction and spatial direction, characterized
- 5 in that the three-dimensional subband dividing process
- 6 comprises at least:
- 7 the motion detection step of obtaining motion
- 8 information by detecting an interframe motion of the

- 9 moving picture signal;
- 10 the temporal subband division step of
- 11 obtaining a temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 12 temporal high-frequency subband signal by motion
- 13 compensating, in accordance with the motion information,
- 14 a spatial low-frequency subband signal obtained by
- 15 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal,
- 16 and temporally subband dividing the motion compensated
- 17 spatial low-frequency subband signal;
- the temporal high-frequency subband spatial
- 19 division step of generating a temporal
- 20 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 21 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 22 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 23 high-frequency subband signal;
- the temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 25 division step of generating a temporal
- 26 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 27 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 28 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 29 low-frequency subband signal; and
- 30 the band signal spatial division step of
- 31 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 32 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 33 spatially subband dividing the spatial low-frequency
- 34 subband signal.
  - 12. A moving picture encoding method

- 2 according to claim 11, characterized in that the
- 3 temporal subband division step, temporal high-frequency
- 4 subband spatial division step, temporal low-frequency
- 5 subband spatial division step, and band signal spatial
- 6 division step are performed on the moving picture
- 7 signal, and the temporal subband division step, temporal
- 8 high-frequency subband spatial division step, temporal
- 9 low-frequency subband spatial division step, and band
- 10 signal spatial division step are recurrently repeated by
- 11 replacing the spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 12 obtained after the band signal spatial division step
- 13 with the spatial low-frequency subband signal.
  - 13. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 characterized by comprising the steps of:
  - 3 generating a temporal high-frequency/spatial
  - 4 low-frequency signal by referring to a temporal
  - 5 high-frequency signal, temporal low-frequency signal,
  - 6 and temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency
  - 7 signal;
  - generating a second temporal low-frequency
  - 9 signal by referring to the temporal low-frequency signal
- 10 and temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency
- 11 signal;
- 12 generating a second temporal high-frequency
- 13 signal by using the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 14 low-frequency signal and a temporal
- 15 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency signal; and

- 16 combining the second temporal low-frequency
- 17 signal and second temporal high-frequency signal.
  - 14. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 characterized by comprising:
  - 3 the first step of generating a spatial
  - 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
  - 5 referring to a prediction error signal, spatial
  - 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal, and spatial
  - 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal;
  - 8 the second step of obtaining a second
  - 9 prediction error signal by spatially subband combining
- 10 the spatial low-frequency prediction error subband
- 11 signal and spatial high-frequency prediction error
- 12 subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining an intra-band
- 14 signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 15 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 16 high-frequency intra-subband signal; and
- the fourth step of combining the intra-band
- 18 signal and second prediction error signal.
  - 15. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 according to claim 14, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
  - 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second prediction
  - 5 error signal with the prediction error signal, and the
  - 6 intra-band signal with the spatial low-frequency
  - 7 intra-subband signal.

referring to a prediction error signal, spatial 5 low-frequency intra-subband signal, and spatial 6 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal; the second step of obtaining a second 8 9 prediction error signal by spatially subband combining the spatial low-frequency prediction error subband 10 signal and spatial high-frequency prediction error 11 12 subband signal; 13 the third step of obtaining an intra-band signal by spatially subband combining the spatial 14 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial 15 high-frequency intra-subband signal; and 16 the fourth step of adding the second 17 prediction error signal to the intra-band signal by 18 19 motion compensation prediction. A moving picture decoding method 2 according to claim 16, characterized in that the first step, the second step, and the third step are 3

A moving picture decoding method

the first step of generating a spatial

low-frequency prediction error subband signal by

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characterized by comprising:

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intra-subband signal.

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recurrently repeated by replacing the second prediction

error signal with the prediction error signal, and the

intra-band signal with the spatial low-frequency

- 2 characterized by comprising:
- 3 the first step of generating a spatial
- 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
- 5 referring to at least one or a combination of a spatial
- 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal, and a prediction
- 8 error signal;
- 9 the second step of obtaining a second
- 10 prediction error signal by spatially subband combining
- 11 the spatial low-frequency prediction error subband
- 12 signal and spatial high-frequency prediction error
- 13 subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining an intra-band
- 15 signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 16 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 17 high-frequency intra-subband signal; and
- the fourth step of combining the intra-band
- 19 signal and second prediction error signal.
  - 19. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 according to claim 18, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
  - 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second prediction
  - 5 error signal with the prediction error signal, and the
  - 6 intra-band signal with the spatial low-frequency
  - 7 intra-subband signal.
    - 20. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 characterized by comprising:

- 5 referring to a temporal high-frequency subband signal, 6 temporal low-frequency subband signal, and temporal 7 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 the second step of obtaining a second temporal

the first step of generating a temporal

high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by

- 9 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 10 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 11 low-frequency subband signal and a temporal
- 12 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 14 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 15 combining the temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 16 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 17 signal; and

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- the fourth step of combining the second
- 19 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 20 temporal high-frequency subband signal.
  - 21. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 according to claim 20, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
  - 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second temporal
- 5 high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
- 7 low-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 8 low-frequency subband signal.
  - 22. A moving picture decoding method

- 2 characterized by comprising:
- 3 the first step of generating a temporal
- 4 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to at least one or a combination of a temporal
- 6 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 7 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal, and
- 8 a temporal high-frequency subband signal;
- 9 the second step of obtaining a second temporal
- 10 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 11 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 12 low-frequency subband signal and a temporal
- 13 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 15 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 16 combining the temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 17 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 18 signal; and
- 19 the fourth step of combining the second
- 20 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 21 temporal high-frequency subband signal.
  - 23. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 according to claim 22, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
  - 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second temporal
  - 5 high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
  - 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
  - 7 low-frequency subband signal with the temporal

- 8 low-frequency subband signal.
  - 24. A moving picture decoding method
- 2 characterized by comprising:
- 3 the first step of generating a temporal
- 4 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a spatial low-frequency intra-subband
- 6 signal and temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 7 high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 the second step of generating a temporal
- 9 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 10 referring to a temporal high-frequency subband signal,
- 11 the temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband
- 12 signal, and a temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 13 high-frequency subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 15 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 16 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 17 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 18 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- the fourth step of obtaining a second temporal
- 20 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 21 combining the temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 22 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 23 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; and
- the fifth step of combining the second
- 25 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 26 temporal high-frequency subband signal.

- 25. A moving picture decoding method
- 2 according to claim 24, characterized in that the first
- 3 step, the second step, the third step, and the fourth
- 4 step are recurrently repeated by replacing the second
- 5 temporal high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
- 7 low-frequency subband signal with the spatial
- 8 low-frequency intra-subband signal.
  - 26. A moving picture decoding method
- 2 characterized by comprising:
- 3 the first step of generating a temporal
- 4 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a spatial low-frequency intra-subband
- 6 signal and temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 7 high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 the second step of generating a temporal
- 9 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 10 referring to at least one or a combination of the
- 11 temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband
- 12 signal and a temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 13 high-frequency subband signal, and a temporal
- 14 high-frequency subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 16 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 17 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 18 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 19 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;

25 the fifth step of combining the second temporal low-frequency subband signal and second 26 27 temporal high-frequency subband signal. A moving picture decoding method 2 according to claim 26, characterized in that the first 3 step, the second step, the third step, and the fourth step are recurrently repeated by replacing the second 4 5 temporal high-frequency subband signal with the temporal high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal 6 low-frequency subband signal with the spatial 7 8 low-frequency intra-subband signal. 28. A moving picture encoding method 2 characterized by comprising the steps of: 3 obtaining a time filtering signal by filtering 4 a moving picture signal in a temporal direction; 5 obtaining a time filtering lower hierarchy

signal and time filtering upper hierarchy signal by

spatially hierarchically dividing the time filtering

signal by spatially hierarchically dividing the moving

low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband

low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; and

combining the temporal low-frequency/spatial

low-frequency subband signal and temporal

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signal;

picture signal;

obtaining an upper hierarchy moving picture

signal in the temporal direction; and
encoding the time filtering lower hierarchy
signal and upper hierarchy time filtering signal.

29. A moving picture encoding method

signal by filtering the upper hierarchy moving picture

obtaining an upper hierarchy time filtering

- 2 according to claim 28, characterized by further
- 3 comprising the step of replacing the time filtering
- 4 upper hierarchy signal with the upper hierarchy time
- 5 filtering signal.

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- 30. A moving picture decoding method
- 2 characterized by comprising the steps of:
- 3 decoding a time filtering lower hierarchy
- 4 signal and upper hierarchy time filtering signal;
- 5 obtaining a time filtering upper hierarchy
- 6 signal by filtering the upper hierarchy time filtering
- 7 signal in a temporal direction;
- 8 obtaining a time filtering signal by spatially
- 9 hierarchically combining the time filtering lower
- 10 hierarchy signal and time filtering upper hierarchy
- 11 signal; and
- 12 obtaining a moving picture signal by filtering
- 13 the time filtering signal in the temporal direction.
  - 31. A moving picture decoding method
  - 2 according to claim 30, characterized by further
  - 3 comprising the step of correcting, by referring to a
  - 4 signal of a frame different from a frame of the time

9 temporal-direction filtering is performed at a decoding 10 resolution. 32. A moving picture encoding program 2 characterized by executing at least the steps of: 3 obtaining a temporally hierarchized signal by 4 temporally hierarchically dividing a moving picture 5 signal; 6 obtaining a temporally hierarchized spatial 7 high-frequency signal by performing a high frequency 8 generation process on the temporally hierarchized signal 9 in spatial hierarchical division; 10 obtaining a reduced image signal by performing 11 a low frequency generation process on the moving picture signal in spatial hierarchical division; and 12 13 obtaining a reduced temporally hierarchized 14 signal by temporally hierarchizing the reduced image 15 signal. 33. A moving picture encoding

filtering upper hierarchy signal, the time filtering

hierarchy signal which belongs to an upper hierarchy

upper hierarchy signal to a time filtering upper

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program according to claim 32, characterized in that the

temporally hierarchized spatial high-frequency signal

characterized by executing at least the steps of:

and reduced temporally hierarchized signal are encoded.

34. A moving picture encoding program

6 obtaining a prediction error spatial 7 high-frequency signal by performing a high frequency generation process on the prediction error signal in 8 spatial hierarchical division; 9 10 obtaining a reduced image signal by performing 11 a low-frequency signal generation process on the moving 12 picture signal in spatial hierarchical division; and 13 obtaining a reduced interframe prediction 14 error signal as a prediction error signal by performing 15 interframe prediction on the reduced image signal. A moving picture encoding 2 program according to claim 34, characterized in that the 3 prediction error spatial high-frequency signal and 4 reduced interframe prediction error signal are encoded. 36. A moving picture encoding program of 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process 3 which performs motion compensation prediction on a 4 moving picture signal and also subband divides the 5 moving picture signal in a spatial direction, 6 characterized in that the three-dimensional subband 7 dividing process executes at least: 8 the motion detection step of obtaining motion information by detecting an interframe motion of the 9 10 moving picture signal;

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obtaining a prediction error signal by

performing interframe prediction on a moving picture

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signal;

- the motion compensation prediction step of obtaining a prediction error signal by performing motion
- 13 compensation prediction on the moving picture signal in
- 14 accordance with the motion information;
- the prediction error signal spatial division
- 16 step of generating a spatial low-frequency prediction
- 17 error subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 18 prediction error subband signal by spatially subband
- 19 dividing the prediction error signal; and
- 20 the band signal spatial division step of
- 21 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 22 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 23 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal.
  - 37. A moving picture encoding program
  - 2 according to claim 36, characterized in that the motion
  - 3 compensation prediction step, prediction error signal
  - 4 spatial division step, and band signal spatial division
  - 5 step are performed on the moving picture signal, and the
  - 6 motion compensation prediction step, prediction error
  - 7 signal spatial division step, and band signal spatial
  - 8 division step are recurrently repeated by replacing the
  - 9 spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained
- 10 after the band signal spatial division step with the
- 11 moving picture signal.
  - 38. A moving picture encoding program of
  - 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 3 which performs motion compensation prediction on a

- 4 moving picture signal and also subband divides the
- 5 moving picture signal in a spatial direction,
- 6 characterized in that the three-dimensional subband
- 7 dividing process executes at least:
- 8 the motion detection step of obtaining motion
- 9 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
- 10 moving picture signal;
- 11 the motion compensation prediction step of
- 12 obtaining a prediction error signal by performing motion
- 13 compensation prediction, in accordance with the motion
- 14 information, on a spatial low-frequency subband signal
- 15 which is obtained by spatially subband dividing the
- 16 moving picture signal;
- 17 the prediction error signal spatial division
- 18 step of generating a spatial low-frequency prediction
- 19 error subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 20 prediction error subband signal by spatially subband
- 21 dividing the prediction error signal; and
- 22 the band signal spatial division step of
- 23 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 24 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 25 spatially subband dividing the spatial low-frequency
- 26 subband signal.
  - 39. A moving picture encoding program
  - 2 according to claim 38, characterized in that the motion
  - 3 compensation prediction step, prediction error signal
  - 4 spatial division step, and band signal spatial division

- 5 step are performed on the moving picture signal, and the
- 6 motion compensation prediction step, prediction error
- 7 signal spatial division step, and band signal spatial
- 8 division step are recurrently repeated by replacing the
- 9 spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained
- 10 after the band signal spatial division step with the
- 11 spatial low-frequency subband signal.
  - 40. A moving picture encoding program of
  - 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 3 which subband divides a moving picture signal in both a
  - 4 temporal direction and spatial direction, characterized
  - 5 in that the three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 6 executes at least:
  - 7 the motion detection step of obtaining motion
  - 8 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
  - 9 moving picture signal;
- 10 the temporal subband division step of
- 11 obtaining a temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 12 temporal high-frequency subband signal by motion
- 13 compensating the moving picture signal in accordance
- 14 with the motion information, and temporally subband
- 15 dividing the motion compensated moving picture signal;
- the temporal high-frequency subband spatial
- 17 division step of generating a temporal
- 18 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 19 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 20 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal

- 21 high-frequency subband signal;
- the temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 23 division step of generating a temporal
- 24 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 25 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 26 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 27 low-frequency subband signal; and
- 28 the band signal spatial division step of
- 29 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 30 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 31 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal.
  - 41. A moving picture encoding program
- 2 according to claim 40, characterized in that the
- 3 temporal subband division step, temporal high-frequency
- 4 subband spatial division step, temporal low-frequency
- 5 subband spatial division step, and band signal spatial
- 6 division step are performed on the moving picture
- 7 signal, and the temporal subband division step, temporal
- 8 high-frequency subband spatial division step, temporal
- 9 low-frequency subband spatial division step, and band
- 10 signal spatial division step are recurrently repeated by
- 11 replacing the spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 12 obtained after the band signal spatial division step
- 13 with the moving picture signal.
  - 42. A moving picture encoding program of
  - 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 3 which subband divides a moving picture signal in both a

- 4 temporal direction and spatial direction, characterized
- 5 in that the three-dimensional subband dividing process
- 6 executes at least:
- 7 the motion detection step of obtaining motion
- 8 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
- 9 moving picture signal;
- 10 the temporal subband division step of
- 11 obtaining a temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 12 temporal high-frequency subband signal by motion
- 13 compensating, in accordance with the motion information,
- 14 a spatial low-frequency subband signal obtained by-
- 15 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal,
- 16 and temporally subband dividing the motion compensated
- 17 spatial low-frequency subband signal;
- 18 the temporal high-frequency subband spatial
- 19 division step of generating a temporal
- 20 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 21 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 22 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 23 high-frequency subband signal;
- the temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 25 division step of generating a temporal
- 26 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 27 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 28 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 29 low-frequency subband signal; and
- 30 the band signal spatial division step of

- 31 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 32 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 33 spatially subband dividing the spatial low-frequency
- 34 subband signal.
  - 43. A moving picture encoding program
  - 2 according to claim 42, characterized in that the
  - 3 temporal subband division step, temporal high-frequency
  - 4 subband spatial division step, temporal low-frequency
  - 5 subband spatial division step, and band signal spatial
  - 6 division step are performed on the moving picture
  - 7 signal, and the temporal subband division step, temporal
  - 8 high-frequency subband spatial division step, temporal
  - 9 low-frequency subband spatial division step, and band
- 10 signal spatial division step are recurrently repeated by
- 11 replacing the spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 12 obtained after the band signal spatial division step
- 13 with the spatial low-frequency subband signal.
  - 44. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 characterized by executing at least the steps of:
  - 3 generating a temporal high-frequency/spatial
  - 4 low-frequency signal by referring to a temporal
  - 5 high-frequency signal, temporal low-frequency signal,
  - 6 and temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency
  - 7 signal;
  - 8 generating a second temporal low-frequency
  - 9 signal by referring to the temporal low-frequency signal
- 10 and temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency

15 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency signal; and 16 combining the second temporal low-frequency 17 signal and second temporal high-frequency signal. 45. A moving picture decoding program 2 characterized by executing at least: 3 the first step of generating a spatial low-frequency prediction error subband signal by 4 5 referring to a prediction error signal, spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal, and spatial 6 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal; 8 the second step of obtaining a second prediction error signal by spatially subband combining 9 10 the spatial low-frequency prediction error subband 11 signal and spatial high-frequency prediction error 12 subband signal; 13 the third step of obtaining an intra-band signal by spatially subband combining the spatial 14 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial 15 16 high-frequency intra-subband signal; and 17 the fourth step of combining the intra-band

signal and second prediction error signal.

generating a second temporal high-frequency

signal by using the temporal high-frequency/spatial

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signal;

according to claim 45, characterized in that the first

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- 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
- 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second prediction
- 5 error signal with the prediction error signal, and the
- 6 intra-band signal with the spatial low-frequency
- 7 intra-subband signal.
  - 47. A moving picture decoding program
- 2 characterized by executing at least:
- 3 the first step of generating a spatial
- 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
- 5 referring to a prediction error signal, spatial
- 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal, and spatial
- 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal;
- 8 the second step of obtaining a second
- 9 prediction error signal by spatially subband combining
- 10 the spatial low-frequency prediction error subband
- 11 signal and spatial high-frequency prediction error
- 12 subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining an intra-band
- 14 signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 15 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 16 high-frequency intra-subband signal; and
- 17 the fourth step of adding the second
- 18 prediction error signal to the intra-band signal by
- 19 motion compensation prediction.
  - 48. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 according to claim 47, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are

- 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second prediction
- 5 error signal with the prediction error signal, and the
- 6 intra-band signal with the spatial low-frequency
- 7 intra-subband signal.
  - 49. A moving picture decoding program
- 2 characterized by executing at least:
- 3 the first step of generating a spatial
- 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
- 5 referring to at least one or a combination of a spatial
- 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal, and a prediction
- 8 error signal;
- 9 the second step of obtaining a second
- 10 prediction error signal by spatially subband combining
- 11 the spatial low-frequency prediction error subband
- 12 signal and spatial high-frequency prediction error
- 13 subband signal;
- 14 the third step of obtaining an intra-band
- 15 signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 16 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 17 high-frequency intra-subband signal; and
- 18 the fourth step of combining the intra-band
- 19 signal and second prediction error signal.
  - 50. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 according to claim 49, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
  - 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second prediction

- 5 error signal with the prediction error signal, and the
- 6 intra-band signal with the spatial low-frequency
- 7 intra-subband signal.
  - 51. A moving picture decoding program
- 2 characterized by executing at least:
- 3 the first step of generating a temporal
- 4 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a temporal high-frequency subband signal,
- 6 temporal low-frequency subband signal, and temporal
- 7 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 the second step of obtaining a second temporal
- 9 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 10 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 11 low-frequency subband signal and a temporal
- 12 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 14 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 15 combining the temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 16 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 17 signal; and
- 18 the fourth step of combining the second
- 19 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 20 temporal high-frequency subband signal.
  - 52. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 according to claim 51, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
  - 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second temporal

- 5 high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
- 7 low-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 8 low-frequency subband signal.
  - 53. A moving picture decoding program
- 2 characterized by executing at least:
- 3 the first step of generating a temporal
- 4 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to at least one or a combination of a temporal
- 6 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 7 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal, and
- 8 a temporal high-frequency subband signal;
- 9 the second step of obtaining a second temporal
- 10 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 11 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 12 low-frequency subband signal and a temporal
- 13 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- 14 the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 15 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 16 combining the temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 17 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 18 signal; and
- 19 the fourth step of combining the second
- 20 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 21 temporal high-frequency subband signal.
  - 54. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 according to claim 53, characterized in that the first

- 3 step, the second step, and the third step are
- 4 recurrently repeated by replacing the second temporal
- 5 high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
- 7 low-frequency subband signal with the temporal
- 8 low-frequency subband signal.
  - 55. A moving picture decoding program
- 2 characterized by executing at least:
- 3 the first step of generating a temporal
- 4 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a spatial low-frequency intra-subband
- 6 signal and temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 7 high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 the second step of generating a temporal
- 9 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 10 referring to a temporal high-frequency subband signal,
- 11 the temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband
- 12 signal, and a temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 13 high-frequency subband signal;
- the third step of obtaining a second temporal
- 15 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 16 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 17 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 18 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- the fourth step of obtaining a second temporal
- 20 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 21 combining the temporal low-frequency/spatial

- 22 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 23 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; and
- 24 the fifth step of combining the second
- 25 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 26 temporal high-frequency subband signal.
  - 56. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 according to claim 55, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, the third step, and the fourth
  - 4 step are recurrently repeated by replacing the second
  - 5 temporal high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
  - 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
  - 7 low-frequency subband signal with the spatial
  - 8 low-frequency intra-subband signal.
    - 57. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 characterized by executing at least:
  - 3 the first step of generating a temporal
  - 4 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
  - 5 referring to a spatial low-frequency intra-subband
  - 6 signal and temporal high-frequency/spatial
  - 7 high-frequency subband signal;
  - 8 the second step of generating a temporal
  - 9 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 10 referring to at least one or a combination of the
- 11 temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband
- 12 signal and a temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 13 high-frequency subband signal, and a temporal
- 14 high-frequency subband signal;

- the third step of obtaining a second temporal high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
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- 17 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 18 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 19 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- 20 the fourth step of obtaining a second temporal
- 21 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 22 combining the temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 23 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 24 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; and
- 25 the fifth step of combining the second
- 26 temporal low-frequency subband signal and second
- 27 temporal high-frequency subband signal.
  - 58. A moving picture decoding program
  - 2 according to claim 57, characterized in that the first
  - 3 step, the second step, the third step, and the fourth
  - 4 step are recurrently repeated by replacing the second
  - 5 temporal high-frequency subband signal with the temporal
  - 6 high-frequency subband signal, and the second temporal
  - 7 low-frequency subband signal with the spatial
  - 8 low-frequency intra-subband signal.
    - 59. A moving picture encoding program
  - 2 characterized by comprising the steps of:
  - 3 obtaining a time filtering signal by filtering
  - 4 a moving picture signal in a temporal direction;
  - 5 obtaining a time filtering lower hierarchy
  - 6 signal and time filtering upper hierarchy signal by

9 obtaining an upper hierarchy moving picture 10 signal by spatially hierarchically dividing the moving 11 picture signal; 12 obtaining an upper hierarchy time filtering signal by filtering the upper hierarchy moving picture 13 14 signal in the temporal direction; and 15 encoding the time filtering lower hierarchy 16 signal and upper hierarchy time filtering signal. A moving picture encoding method 2 according to claim 59, characterized by further 3 comprising the step of replacing the time filtering upper hierarchy signal with the upper hierarchy time 4 5 filtering signal. A moving picture decoding method 61. 2 characterized by comprising the steps of: 3 decoding a time filtering lower hierarchy 4 signal and upper hierarchy time filtering signal; 5 obtaining a time filtering upper hierarchy 6 signal by filtering the upper hierarchy time filtering 7 signal in a temporal direction; 8 obtaining a time filtering signal by spatially 9 hierarchically combining the time filtering lower 10 hierarchy signal and time filtering upper hierarchy 11 signal; and

spatially hierarchically dividing the time filtering

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signal;

obtaining a moving picture signal by filtering

13 the time filtering signal in the temporal direction. 62. A moving picture decoding method 2 according to claim 61, characterized by further comprising the step of correcting, by referring to a 3 4 signal of a frame different from a frame of the time 5 filtering upper hierarchy signal, the time filtering 6 upper hierarchy signal to a time filtering upper hierarchy signal which belongs to an upper hierarchy 7 8 obtained by hierarchical division after temporal-direction filtering is performed at a decoding 9 10 resolution. 63. A moving picture encoding device 2 characterized by comprising at least: 3 means for obtaining a temporally hierarchized 4 signal by temporally hierarchically dividing a moving 5 picture signal; 6 means for obtaining a temporally hierarchized 7 spatial high-frequency signal by performing a high 8 frequency generation process on the temporally 9 hierarchized signal in spatial hierarchical division; 10 means for obtaining a reduced image signal by 11 performing a low frequency generation process on the 12 moving picture signal in spatial hierarchical division; 13 and 14 means for obtaining a reduced temporally hierarchized signal by temporally hierarchizing the 15 16 reduced image signal.

- 64. A moving picture encoding

  2 device according to claim 63, characterized in that the

  3 temporally hierarchized spatial high-frequency signal
  - 4 and reduced temporally hierarchized signal are encoded.
    - 65. A moving picture encoding device
  - 2 characterized by comprising at least:
  - 3 means for obtaining a prediction error signal
  - 4 by performing interframe prediction on a moving picture
  - 5 signal;
  - 6 means for obtaining a prediction error spatial
  - 7 high-frequency signal by performing a high frequency
  - 8 generation process on the prediction error signal in
  - 9 spatial hierarchical division;
  - 10 means for obtaining a reduced image signal by
  - 11 performing a low-frequency signal generation process on
  - 12 the moving picture signal in spatial hierarchical
  - 13 division; and
  - 14 means for obtaining a reduced interframe
  - 15 prediction error signal as a prediction error signal by
  - 16 performing interframe prediction on the reduced image
  - 17 signal.
- 66. A moving picture encoding
- 2 device according to claim 65, characterized in that the
- 3 prediction error spatial high-frequency signal and
- 4 reduced interframe prediction error signal are encoded.
  - 67. A moving picture encoding device for
- 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process

3 which performs motion compensation prediction on a

moving picture signal and also subband divides the

- 5 moving picture signal in a spatial direction,
- 6 characterized in that the three-dimensional subband
- 7 dividing process comprises at least:
- 8 motion detecting means for obtaining motion
- 9 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
- 10 moving picture signal;

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- 11 motion compensation predicting means for
- 12 obtaining a prediction error signal by performing motion
- 13 compensation prediction on the moving picture signal in
- 14 accordance with the motion information;
- 15 prediction error signal spatial dividing means
- 16 for generating a spatial low-frequency prediction error
- 17 subband signal and spatial high-frequency prediction
- 18 error subband signal by spatially subband dividing the
- 19 prediction error signal; and
- 20 band signal spatial dividing means for
- 21 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 22 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 23 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal.
  - 68. A moving picture encoding device
  - 2 according to claim 67, characterized in that said motion
  - 3 compensation predicting means, prediction error signal
  - 4 spatial dividing means, and band signal spatial dividing
  - 5 means are performed on the moving picture signal, and
  - 6 the processes of said motion compensation predicting

- 7 means, prediction error signal spatial dividing means,
- 8 and band signal spatial dividing means are recurrently
- 9 repeated by replacing the spatial low-frequency
- 10 intra-subband signal obtained after said band signal
- 11 spatial dividing means with the moving picture signal.
  - 69. A moving picture encoding device for
- 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
- 3 which performs motion compensation prediction on a
- 4 moving picture signal and also subband divides the
- 5 moving picture signal in a spatial direction,
- 6 characterized in that the three-dimensional subband
- 7 dividing process comprises at least:
- 8 motion detecting means for obtaining motion
- 9 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
- 10 moving picture signal;
- 11 motion compensation predicting means for
- 12 obtaining a prediction error signal by performing motion
- 13 compensation prediction, in accordance with the motion
- 14 information, on a spatial low-frequency subband signal
- 15 which is obtained by spatially subband dividing the
- 16 moving picture signal;
- 17 prediction error signal spatial dividing means
- 18 for generating a spatial low-frequency prediction error
- 19 subband signal and spatial high-frequency prediction
- 20 error subband signal by spatially subband dividing the
- 21 prediction error signal; and
- 22 band signal spatial dividing means for

- 23 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 24 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 25 spatially subband dividing the spatial low-frequency
- 26 subband signal.
  - 70. A moving picture encoding device
  - 2 according to claim 69, characterized in that said motion
  - 3 compensation predicting means, prediction error signal
  - 4 spatial dividing means, and band signal spatial dividing
  - 5 means are performed on the moving picture signal, and
  - 6 the processes of said motion compensation predicting
  - 7 means, prediction error signal spatial dividing means,
  - 8 and band signal spatial dividing means are recurrently
  - 9 repeated by replacing the spatial low-frequency
- 10 intra-subband signal obtained after said band signal
- 11 spatial dividing means with the spatial low-frequency
- 12 subband signal.
  - 71. A moving picture encoding device for
  - 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 3 which subband divides a moving picture signal in both a
  - 4 temporal direction and spatial direction, characterized
  - 5 in that the three-dimensional subband dividing process
  - 6 comprises at least:
  - 7 motion detecting means for obtaining motion
  - 8 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
  - 9 moving picture signal;
- 10 temporal subband dividing means for obtaining
- 11 a temporal low-frequency subband signal and temporal

- 12 high-frequency subband signal by motion compensating the
- 13 moving picture signal in accordance with the motion
- 14 information, and temporally subband dividing the motion
- 15 compensated moving picture signal;
- 16 temporal high-frequency subband spatial
- 17 dividing means for generating a temporal
- 18 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 19 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 20 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 21 high-frequency subband signal;
- 22 temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 23 dividing means for generating a temporal
- 24 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 25 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 26 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 27 low-frequency subband signal; and
- 28 band signal spatial dividing means for
- 29 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 30 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 31 spatially subband dividing the moving picture signal.
  - 72. A moving picture encoding device
  - 2 according to claim 71, characterized in that said
- 3 temporal subband dividing means, temporal high-frequency
  - 4 subband spatial dividing means, temporal low-frequency
  - 5 subband spatial dividing means, and band signal spatial
  - 6 diving means are performed on the moving picture signal,
  - 7 and the processes of said temporal subband dividing

- 8 means, temporal high-frequency subband spatial dividing
- 9 means, temporal low-frequency subband spatial dividing
- 10 means, and band signal spatial dividing means are
- 11 recurrently repeated by replacing the spatial

- 12 low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained after said
- 13 band signal spatial dividing means with the moving
- 14 picture signal.
  - 73. A moving picture encoding device for
- 2 performing a three-dimensional subband dividing process
- 3 which subband divides a moving picture signal in both a
- 4 temporal direction and spatial direction, characterized
- 5 in that the three-dimensional subband dividing process
- 6 comprises at least:
- 7 motion detecting means for obtaining motion
- 8 information by detecting an interframe motion of the
- 9 moving picture signal;
- 10 temporal subband dividing means for obtaining
- 11 a temporal low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 12 high-frequency subband signal by motion compensating, in
- 13 accordance with the motion information, a spatial
- 14 low-frequency subband signal obtained by spatially
- 15 subband dividing the moving picture signal, and
- 16 temporally subband dividing the motion compensated
- 17 spatial low-frequency subband signal;
- 18 temporal high-frequency subband spatial
- 19 dividing means for generating a temporal
- 20 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and

- 21 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 22 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 23 high-frequency subband signal;
- 24 temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 25 dividing means for generating a temporal
- 26 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and
- 27 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 28 signal by spatially subband dividing the temporal
- 29 low-frequency subband signal; and
- 30 band signal spatial dividing means for
- 31 generating a spatial low-frequency intra-subband signal
- 32 and spatial high-frequency intra-subband signal by
- 33 spatially subband dividing the spatial low-frequency
- 34 subband signal.
  - 74. A moving picture encoding device
  - 2 according to claim 73, characterized in that said
  - 3 temporal subband dividing means, temporal high-frequency
  - 4 subband spatial dividing means, temporal low-frequency
  - 5 subband spatial dividing means, and band signal spatial
  - 6 dividing means are performed on the moving picture
  - 7 signal, and the processes of said temporal subband
  - 8 dividing means, temporal high-frequency subband spatial
  - 9 dividing means, temporal low-frequency subband spatial
- 10 dividing means, and band signal spatial dividing means
- 11 are recurrently repeated by replacing the spatial
- 12 low-frequency intra-subband signal obtained after said
- 13 band signal spatial dividing means with the spatial

- A moving picture encoding device 2 characterized by comprising at least: means for generating a temporal 3 4 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency signal by referring 5 to a temporal high-frequency signal, temporal 6 low-frequency signal, and temporal low-frequency/spatial 7 high-frequency signal; 8 means for generating a second temporal 9 low-frequency signal by referring to the temporal 10 low-frequency signal and temporal low-frequency/spatial 11 high-frequency signal; 12 means for generating a second temporal high-frequency signal by using the temporal 13 14 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency signal and a 15 temporal high-frequency/spatial high-frequency signal; and 16
- 19 signal.
  - 2 characterized by comprising at least:

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low-frequency subband signal.

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- 3 first means for generating a spatial
- 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
- 5 referring to a prediction error signal, spatial
- 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal, and spatial
- 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal;

means for combining the second temporal

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low-frequency signal and second temporal high-frequency

- 8 second means for obtaining a second prediction
- 9 error signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 10 low-frequency prediction error subband signal and
- 11 spatial high-frequency prediction error subband signal;
- third means for obtaining an intra-band signal
- 13 by spatially subband combining the spatial low-frequency
- 14 intra-subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 15 intra-subband signal; and
- fourth means for combining the intra-band
- 17 signal and second prediction error signal.
  - 77. A moving picture decoding device.
  - 2 according to claim 76, characterized in that the
  - 3 processes of said first means, said second means, and
  - 4 said third means are recurrently repeated by replacing
  - 5 the second prediction error signal with the prediction
  - 6 error signal, and the intra-band signal with the spatial
  - 7 low-frequency intra-subband signal.
    - 78. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 first means for generating a spatial
- 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
- 5 referring to a prediction error signal, spatial
- 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal, and spatial
- 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal;
- 8 second means for obtaining a second prediction
- 9 error signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 10 low-frequency prediction error subband signal and

- 11 spatial high-frequency prediction error subband signal;
- third means for obtaining an intra-band signal
- 13 by spatially subband combining the spatial low-frequency
- 14 intra-subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 15 intra-subband signal; and
- fourth means for adding the second prediction
- 17 error signal to the intra-band signal by motion
- 18 compensation prediction.
  - 79. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 according to claim 78, characterized in that the
- 3 processes of said first means, said second means, and
- 4 said third means are recurrently repeated by replacing
- 5 the second prediction error signal with the prediction
- 6 error signal, and the intra-band signal with the spatial
- 7 low-frequency intra-subband signal.
  - 80. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 first means for generating a spatial
- 4 low-frequency prediction error subband signal by
- 5 referring to at least one or a combination of a spatial
- 6 low-frequency intra-subband signal and spatial
- 7 high-frequency intra-subband signal, and a prediction
- 8 error signal;
- 9 second means for obtaining a second prediction
- 10 error signal by spatially subband combining the spatial
- 11 low-frequency prediction error subband signal and
- 12 spatial high-frequency prediction error subband signal;

- third means for obtaining an intra-band signal
- 14 by spatially subband combining the spatial low-frequency
- 15 intra-subband signal and spatial high-frequency
- 16 intra-subband signal; and
- fourth means for combining the intra-band
- 18 signal and second prediction error signal.
  - 81. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 according to claim 80, characterized in that the
- 3 processes of said first means, said second means, and
- 4 said third means are recurrently repeated by replacing
- 5 the second prediction error signal with the prediction
- 6 error signal, and the intra-band signal with the spatial
- 7 low-frequency intra-subband signal.
  - . 82. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 first means for generating a temporal
- 4 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a temporal high-frequency subband signal,
- 6 temporal low-frequency subband signal, and temporal
- 7 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 second means for obtaining a second temporal
- 9 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 10 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 11 low-frequency subband signal and a temporal
- 12 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- third means for obtaining a second temporal
- 14 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband

- 15 combining the temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 16 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 17 signal; and
- fourth means for combining the second temporal
- 19 low-frequency subband signal and second temporal
- 20 high-frequency subband signal.
  - 83. A moving picture decoding device
  - 2 according to claim 82, characterized in that the
  - 3 processes of said first means, said second means, and
  - 4 said third means are recurrently repeated by replacing
  - 5 the second temporal high-frequency subband signal with
  - 6 the temporal high-frequency subband signal, and the
  - 7 second temporal low-frequency subband signal with the
  - 8 temporal low-frequency subband signal.
    - 84. A moving picture decoding device
  - 2 characterized by comprising at least:
  - 3 first means for generating a temporal
  - 4 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
  - 5 referring to at least one or a combination of a temporal
  - 6 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
  - 7 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal, and
  - 8 a temporal high-frequency subband signal;
  - 9 second means for obtaining a second temporal
- 10 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 11 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 12 low-frequency subband signal and a temporal
- 13 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;

- third means for obtaining a second temporal low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 16 combining the temporal low-frequency subband signal and
- 17 temporal low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband
- 18 signal; and
- fourth means for combining the second temporal
- 20 low-frequency subband signal and second temporal
- 21 high-frequency subband signal.
  - 85. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 according to claim 84, characterized in that the
- 3 processes of said first means, said second means, and
- 4 said third means are recurrently repeated by replacing
- 5 the second temporal high-frequency subband signal with
- 6 the temporal high-frequency subband signal, and the
- 7 second temporal low-frequency subband signal with the
- 8 temporal low-frequency subband signal.
  - 86. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 first means for generating a temporal
- 4 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a spatial low-frequency intra-subband
- 6 signal and temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 7 high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 second means for generating a temporal
- 9 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 10 referring to a temporal high-frequency subband signal,
- 11 the temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband

high-frequency subband signal; 13 third means for obtaining a second temporal 14 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband 15 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial 16 17 low-frequency subband signal and temporal 18 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; 19 fourth means for obtaining a second temporal 20 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband 21 combining the temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal and temporal 22 23 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; and 24 fifth means for combining the second temporal 25 low-frequency subband signal and second temporal 26 high-frequency subband signal. 87. A moving picture decoding device 2 according to claim 86, characterized in that the processes of said first means, said second means, said 3 4 third means, and said fourth means are recurrently 5 repeated by replacing the second temporal high-frequency 6 subband signal with the temporal high-frequency subband

signal, and a temporal low-frequency/spatial

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signal.

- 88. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 first means for generating a temporal

signal, and the second temporal low-frequency subband

signal with the spatial low-frequency intra-subband

- 4 low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 5 referring to a spatial low-frequency intra-subband
- 6 signal and temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 7 high-frequency subband signal;
- 8 second means for generating a temporal
- 9 high-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband signal by
- 10 referring to at least one or a combination of the
- 11 temporal low-frequency/spatial low-frequency subband
- 12 signal and a temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 13 high-frequency subband signal, and a temporal
- 14 high-frequency subband signal;
- third means for obtaining a second temporal
- 16 high-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 17 combining the temporal high-frequency/spatial
- 18 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 19 high-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal;
- fourth means for obtaining a second temporal
- 21 low-frequency subband signal by spatially subband
- 22 combining the temporal low-frequency/spatial
- 23 low-frequency subband signal and temporal
- 24 low-frequency/spatial high-frequency subband signal; and
- 25 fifth means for combining the second temporal
- 26 low-frequency subband signal and second temporal
- 27 high-frequency subband signal.
  - 89. A moving picture decoding device
  - 2 according to claim 88, characterized in that the
  - 3 processes of said first means, said second means, said

- 4 third means, and said fourth means are recurrently
- 5 repeated by replacing the second temporal high-frequency
- 6 subband signal with the temporal high-frequency subband
- 7 signal, and the second temporal low-frequency subband
- 8 signal with the spatial low-frequency intra-subband
- 9 signal.
- 90. A moving picture encoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 means for obtaining a time filtering signal by
- 4 filtering a moving picture signal in a temporal
- 5 direction;
- 6 means for obtaining a time filtering lower
- 7 hierarchy signal and time filtering upper hierarchy
- 8 signal by spatially hierarchically dividing the time
- 9 filtering signal;
- 10 means for obtaining an upper hierarchy moving
- 11 picture signal by spatially hierarchically dividing the
- 12 moving picture signal;
- means for obtaining an upper hierarchy time
- 14 filtering signal by filtering the upper hierarchy moving
- 15 picture signal in the temporal direction; and
- means for encoding the time filtering lower
- 17 hierarchy signal and upper hierarchy time filtering
- 18 signal.
- 91. A moving picture encoding device
- 2 according to claim 90, characterized by further
- 3 comprising means for replacing the time filtering upper

- 4 hierarchy signal with the upper hierarchy time filtering
- 5 signal.
- 92. A moving picture decoding device
- 2 characterized by comprising at least:
- 3 means for decoding a time filtering lower
- 4 hierarchy signal and upper hierarchy time filtering
- 5 signal;
- 6 means for obtaining a time filtering upper
- 7 hierarchy signal by filtering the upper hierarchy time
- 8 filtering signal in a temporal direction;
- 9 means for obtaining a time filtering signal by
- 10 spatially hierarchically combining the time filtering
- 11 lower hierarchy signal and time filtering upper
- 12 hierarchy signal; and
- means for obtaining a moving picture signal by
- 14 filtering the time filtering signal in the temporal
- 15 direction.
  - 93. A moving picture decoding device
  - 2 according to claim 92, characterized by further
  - 3 comprising means for correcting, by referring to a
  - 4 signal of a frame different from a frame of the time
  - 5 filtering upper hierarchy signal, the time filtering
  - 6 upper hierarchy signal to a time filtering upper
- 7 hierarchy signal which belongs to an upper hierarchy
- 8 obtained by hierarchical division after
- 9 temporal-direction filtering is performed at a decoding
- 10 resolution.